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In re Application of:

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INJECTION MOLDING PROCESS

Attorney Docket: 3890.001



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98

Honorable Commissioner of
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the following documents which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application. Copies of the documents set forth below and listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are provided herewith.

1. U.S. Patent 5,355,304
2. U.S. Patent 4,979,093
3. U.S. Patent 5,675,715
4. U.S. Patent 5,355,439
5. Juha KONONEN, et al.; *Tissue microarrays for high-throughput molecular profiling of tumor specimens*; Nature Medicine; Volume 4; Number 7; July 1998.

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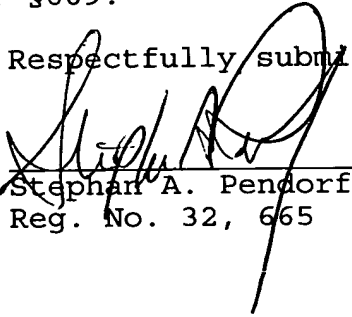
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Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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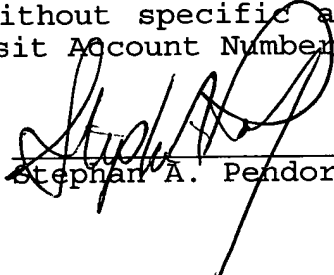
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